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**Request for Reconsideration after Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in response to the Office Action in which the Examiner **finally rejected** claims 1, 2 and 4-24 and which was mailed on February 17, 2004, the following remarks are submitted for consideration. These remarks are offered in order to either reduce or, at the least more clearly define, the differences between the Applicants' position and that of the Examiner.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.